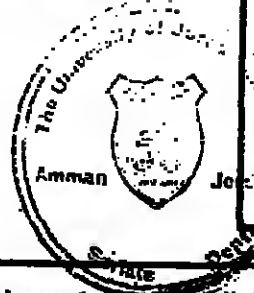


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UNTSO denies Israeli charges

TEL AVIV (R) — A United Nations spokesman denied Wednesday Israeli newspaper allegations that U.N. peace observers were spying on Israeli troops. The spokesman for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) said the observers had a mandate to monitor and report on the situation in the Beirut area. The newspapers said in uncorroborated reports that U.N. troops had photographed Israeli positions and were acting as spies by listing Israeli tanks, armoured vehicles and other equipment. The UNTSO spokesman said that any unauthorised photographing brought to its attention would be investigated. Israel has frequently accused U.N. peace troops of acting as spies for Palestinian commandos. UNTSO has about 50 observers in the Beirut area.

Qadhafi vows to incite revolution

BEIRUT (R) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi vowed Wednesday to continue to incite revolution among Arab states despite a recent show of force by the U.S. Navy off the Libyan coast. "However serious the consequences, we shall continue defiantly... to incite revolution in the Arab Homeland so that the Arab Nation may be liberated and its will may be freed in spite of America and Zionism and its agents," he said in a speech reported by the Libyan news agency JANA. The United States last month sent the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Nimitz to the Egyptian coast and dispatched surveillance planes to Egypt amid reports of a planned Libyan-backed coup attempt in Sudan. Col. Qadhafi, declaring the U.S. muscle-flexing a failure, said Libya was struggling to smash its borders with Egypt and Sudan in pursuit of Arab unity.

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Libya denies reported Sudan coup attempt

MONTREAL (R) — Libya's ambassador to the United Nations has denied claims by Egyptian Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali that Libya planned a coup in Sudan last month until U.S. military moves discouraged it. "How can three million people (in Libya) threaten Sudan, which has 20 million inhabitants? It's insulting to the intelligence of people to suggest it," Dr. Ali Treiki said. "It's just not true," he told reporters on a visit here.

100 executed, 2,000 await execution in Iran, Mujahedeen say

PARIS (R) — Firing squads in Tehran's Evin Prison have executed 100 people and a further 2,000 prisoners are awaiting execution, the left-wing people's Mujahedeen organisation said Wednesday. The Mujahedeen's Paris office said in a statement the 100, who it said were political prisoners, were executed on Monday, the same day that the Iranian authorities said 8,000 prisoners had been released from jails in the country.

Aridor off to Pretoria

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Finance Minister Yoram Aridor left Wednesday for an official visit to South Africa, where he is to renew economic agreements between Israel and Pretoria. The agreements, first signed in 1978 and renewable every two years, deal primarily with South African credits for Israeli coal imports, air and fishing agreements and joint investment projects.

Israeli doctors strike

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's 8,500 government-employed doctors went on strike Wednesday to protest against what they say are low wages and inadequate working conditions. The doctors reported for work but charged 600 shekels (\$15) for treatment in hospital emergency rooms under what they dubbed "alternative medical service." The doctors are demanding a 100 per cent rise in their basic monthly salaries which range from 14,000 to 22,000 shekel (\$370 to \$580).

Malaysian, Egyptian share Faisal award

RIYADH (R) — Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia's first prime minister, and Sheikh Hassanain Mohammad Makhoul from Egypt Monday night shared a 300,000 Saudi riyal (\$87,000) award for services to Islam. The award was one of a series created by the King Faisal Foundation, which was set up in 1976 and started making the annual awards three years later.

Diouf re-elected

DAKAR (Agencies) — The Senegalese Interior Ministry said Tuesday that Senegalese President Abdou Diouf and his ruling Socialist Party won overwhelmingly in parliamentary and presidential elections held Feb. 27. Mr. Diouf took over the Senegalese presidency when Leopold Senghor, the country's first president, retired in December 1980.

Judaisation of W. Bank to be complete in two years, Israel says

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel needed two more years of continued settlement building on the occupied West Bank to make it politically impossible for the area ever to return to Arab rule, an official leading the government's settlement effort said Wednesday.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Mikhail Dekel, who is responsible for coordinating settlement activities, told Reuters in an interview that a major building boom was under way on the West Bank. Israel is under international pressure to return the West Bank, which it occupied from Jordan in the 1967 war, and President Reagan's latest peace plan calls for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank in association with Jordan. But Mr. Dekel said Wednesday: "Between 20 and 30 private companies are involved in building. Public demand for houses in the settlements is very high and if everything continues in this way, there will be 100,000 Israelis living there by 1985."

U.S. concerned over W. Bank violence

WASHINGTON (R) — The State Department Tuesday expressed concern over an increase in tension in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and called for restraint. Department spokesman John Hughes made the comments after being asked by reporters about recent violence in which a four-year-old Arab girl was shot by Israeli youths in the West Bank town of Hebron. "We are concerned about the recent increase in tension on the

West Bank and hope both sides will take steps to exercise restraint."

He said the United States believed the recurrence of violence undermined the need for prompt progress towards a negotiated settlement of the Palestinian problem.

Mr. Hughes cautioned reporters that they would be wise to "disregard the extreme swings of optimism and pessimism" in conjunction with reports about the negotiations to achieve a withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

The spokesman said he had been consistently reluctant to characterise the tripartite negotiations involving Lebanon, Israel and the United States.

Mr. Dekel said people buying West Bank apartments paid only five per cent of the estimated value of the land. They also received generous grants and loans from a government eager to persuade Israelis to move to the settlements, many of which are within easy commuting distance of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The deputy minister said plans for several new settlements were completed and the government's settlement committee would formally approve them this month. He declined to say how many new settlements would be announced.

"We may not approve them all in one batch for tactical reasons to avoid a storm of bad publicity. But these tactical considerations do not have any real long-term effect," he said.

Most of the settlements are being built on what Israel claims is state land. Often, local Palestinians say the land belongs to them but are unable to prove their ownership.

Iraqis attack Iranian offshore oilfield

BAHRAIN (R) — Iraq said its navy attacked an Iranian offshore oilfield Wednesday, destroying installations and five ships in the latest of a series of Gulf war flare-ups since a major Iranian offensive three weeks ago.

In Tehran, an Oil Ministry spokesman said he had no information about any raids, and could not comment on the Iraqi report, carried by the Iraq News Agency. The agency quoted a military spokesman as saying: "Our forces succeeded in destroying five Iranian ships, including oil tankers. The oil installations in the Nowruz field were also destroyed." The spokesman added that all Iraqi naval units had returned safely.

The field lies some 150 kilometres east of Kuwait city and about 80 kilometres northwest of

Iran's main oil export terminal at Kharg Island. Before the Iranian revolution in 1979 it was producing 20,000 barrels a day of heavy crude, oil experts said.

Iraq has reported a long series of attacks by its navy and air force on Kharg Island and on shipping in the Gulf. But Tuesday's report was a rare report of an attack on installations in an offshore field.

Whole villages were razed and over 230,000 people made homeless. The main victims were immigrants from Bangladesh who defied a call by militant Assamese students and political groups for a boycott of the elections.

The violence in the oil-producing state was triggered by last month's elections for a new state legislature which brought to the surface years of ethnic tensions.

Foreign ministers to debate Kampuchea's non-aligned seat

NEW DELHI (R) — Vietnam and non-communist Southeast Asian countries agreed Wednesday that the question of who gets the empty Kampuchean seat will be tackled by foreign ministers and kept out of the non-aligned summit session.

The thorny issue was due to be raised at a meeting of senior officials of the 97-member movement Wednesday but officials said it was opposed by Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

The three countries are members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) which backs the claim of the anti-Vietnamese coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk to represent Kampuchea.

Vietnam wanted the senior officials to discuss the issue after saying it would demand the vacant seat be awarded to the Hanoi-backed Heng Samrin government

Chad-Libya row

Meanwhile, Chad said it had thwarted Libyan objections to its participation in the summit.

Djongsamang Assene, Chad's director of political affairs, told Reuters "not a single country" backed Libya Tuesday when it questioned the right of President Hissene Habre's delegation to represent Chad at the two-week conference.

He said a Libyan delegate argued that the pro-Libyan government-in-exile of Goukouni Oueddei was the legitimate Chad representative. "How can Libya back this phantom government of Goukouni?" Mr. Assene asked. He added that the Tripoli delegation's lack of support for its stand was "a serious setback for Libya."

'U.S. committed to non-aligned principles'

NEW DELHI (R) — President Reagan said in a letter to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Wednesday that the United States was committed to the principles on which the Non-Aligned Movement was based.

Mr. Reagan said he was confident that during Mrs. Gandhi's tenure as chairman, the movement's guiding principles would be those on which it was founded. India takes over as leader of the Third World organisation when its summit starts on Monday.

The movement was originally formed as a buffer between the two rival superpowers in 1961. But Cuba tried to give it a pro-Soviet stance after becoming chairman at the 1979 Havana summit.

Diplomats say India is likely to steer a more moderate course.



Left: His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday confer with Indian Vice-President M. Hidayatullah. Right: The King Wednesday receives Lebanese envoy Edmon Rizk who delivered a message from President Amin Gemayel to the King (Petra photos)

King receives Hidayatullah, Lebanese envoy

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein, in separate meetings Wednesday, received the visiting vice-president of India, M. Hidayatullah, and a Lebanese envoy who delivered a message from President Amin Gemayel to the King.

During the meeting with the Indian vice-president, the King reviewed matters of joint interest to India and Jordan to be discussed at the forthcoming non-aligned summit to be held in New

Delhi on March 7. The King also praised Indo-Jordanian relations and called for greater solidarity and cooperation among non-aligned nations towards achieving world peace and progress, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

The meeting was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, members of the Jordanian delegation accompanying Mr. Hidayatullah and

Indian Ambassador to Jordan Pyare Lal Samoshi.

The Lebanese message, delivered to the King by President Gemayel's special envoy, Edmon Rizk, dealt with the progress in talks between Lebanon and Israel aimed at bringing about an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Earlier Wednesday, the Indian leader also met with Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh and discussed bilateral cooperation in various affairs.

Beirut moves against illegal ports, trade

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese government Wednesday announced sweeping measures against illegal trade and said it would take over a part of Beirut port long controlled by the "Lebanese forces" militia, the country's largest private army.

The port is in east Beirut, where the predominantly Christian militia had ruled since the 1975-76 civil war until the Lebanese army assumed responsibility for security there two weeks ago.

The "Lebanese forces" militia said it had agreed to let the army in, but Western diplomats said it had put up fierce resistance until an agreement was worked out by President Amin Gemayel. East Beirut is the militia's headquarters and the port is its main source of revenue.

The army, which the government is using to restore order after years of chaos, issued a communique ordering all illegal ports to close from Monday and

warning that customs men would take action against ships and businessmen breaking the law.

A military spokesman said the only illegal port the army would be able to close immediately was the "Fifth Basin" at Beirut port since this was the only one in its operational area.

All of Lebanon outside Beirut is controlled by Israeli, Syrian or Palestinian forces or Lebanese militias.

The communique said customs authorities, backed by the army and police, would pursue anybody selling goods without proper documentation.

Lebanon cancels official invitation to Mayor Koch

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese government has cancelled an official invitation to the mayor of New York, Edward Koch, to visit Lebanon because he entered the country Tuesday illegally.

Beirut press reports said Mr. Koch, a long-standing supporter of Israel, visited Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon Tuesday in an Israeli army helicopter.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem issued a statement Wednesday saying that a government invitation "obliges the guest to

enter Lebanon in accordance with regulations in a legal and acceptable manner, not across the southern border."

"After we learned that he (Mr. Koch) visited South Lebanon in a way not sanctioned by the Lebanese authorities, contrary to the regulations and contrary to our request that he should not visit areas occupied by Israel, we informed him that the invitation had been cancelled," the statement said.

Israel, Egypt resume talks on Taba dispute

ISMAILIA, Egypt (R) — Israel and Egypt put aside their differences over the Lebanon war Wednesday and resumed talks on a longstanding dispute about Taba, a small Sinai desert coastal strip.

With a United States delegate in attendance, the two sides got together for their first substantive negotiations since relations were soured by Israel's invasion of Lebanon last year.

Egyptian officials said the talks in this Suez Canal city would focus on two main issues. One was the interim arrangements to be adopted in the 700-metre wide Taba strip while a long-term solution was sought.

The other was to decide what sort of tribunal should pronounce on the rights of the case.

When Israel pulled out last April from the rest of Sinai, the peninsula it occupied in the 1967 Middle East war, the future of Taba was left in Abeyance.

Egypt's understanding of the withdrawal agreement was that Taba

should be left as a no-man's land free of troops from either side.

The Egyptians were angered by the subsequent introduction of Israeli female soldiers into the area and the opening of an Israeli luxury hotel on the Taba seashore.

Egyptian officials said the United States had strongly urged a resumption of negotiations on Taba.

For some time the Israelis hauled at going into talks about Taba alone. They wanted wider negotiations about normalising Israeli-Egyptian relations, a process halted by the Lebanon war.

Officials said it had been agreed that other talks on bilateral relations would be held next week.

The Egyptian delegation was headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Shafie Abdul Hamid and the Israelis by Shmuel Divon, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

The U.S. chief delegate was Michael Kozak, deputy legal adviser at the State Department.

Pope asks Portugal to pray with him for Latin America

LISBON (R) — Pope John Paul Wednesday asked Portugal to pray with him during his testing nine-day tour of Central America and the Caribbean so that peace might come to the troubled region.

The Pope, who greeted crowds gathered in brilliant sunshine at Lisbon airport, where he made a brief stopover, said he suffered at the thought of the violence afflicting Central America.

"I ask the Portuguese church to pray with me, especially during this pilgrimage, for the triumph of peace," he said.

of whom had arrived during the night to ensure a good view of the Pope, chanted: "Peace is possible, courage Pope John Paul."

The Polish-born pontiff said: "I wish that the horizon of hope, which illuminates the prayers of all Latin America, were without shadows."

"My heart suffers as do all hearts afflicted by violence in any part of the world," he added.

The Pope, who faces a gruelling tour of seven countries in Central America, and the Caribbean island of Haiti, was due to arrive in Costa Rica at 2300 GMT Wednesday.

Hassan, U.S. aide discuss Mideast

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and the visiting U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for Middle Eastern Affairs, Robert Pelletreau, Wednesday reviewed the region's affairs and the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Prince Hassan briefed the U.S. official on "Israel's illegal practices that aim at Judaising the territories and evicting their legitimate owners and establishing settlements on seized Arab land," the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Mr. Pelletreau, who arrived in Amman Monday evening, has met with senior Jordanian officials. U.S. spokesmen said, Mr. Pelletreau is currently on a tour of the Middle East region which will take him to Iraq, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Israel in addition to Jordan.

Later Wednesday, Mr. Pelletreau left for Iraq.

Pertini expected March 16

AMMAN (J.T.) — Italian President Sandro Pertini will pay an official visit to Jordan in the second half of March, an announcement by the Royal Court said Wednesday. The announcement, carried by the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said that Mr. Pertini will be here from March 16 to 20 at the invitation of His Majesty King Hussein.

PLO will restore ties only if Cairo abandons Camp David, Arafat says

KHARTOUM (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Wednesday said he was ready to restore ties with Egypt if the Cairo government abandoned its 1978 Camp David agreements with Israel.

Speaking at a news conference in the Sudanese capital, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said he was prepared to normalise relations with Cairo "provided that Egypt disengaged itself from the Camp David accords."

Mr. Arafat's statement on the PLO's ties with Egypt conformed with a decision taken by the Palestine National Council (PNC) last month to make relations with Egypt dependent on its abandoning the United States-sponsored agreements.

The PNC's decision sparked angry reactions from Egypt which said it was contrary to Palestinian interests.

Relations between Egypt and the PLO have improved steadily

since Israel invaded Lebanon last June but seemed to suffer a setback since the PNC decision. Mr. Arafat, who arrived here on Sunday to attend the congress of the Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU), said peace in the Middle East could only be attained after the legitimate rights of his people were restored.

He said "no peace, no stability and no settlement in the Middle East can be reached by stepping over the legitimate rights of the Palestinians to return to their homeland and establish their independent state with Jerusalem as its capital."

He also said that his group has submitted a complaint to the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in which it accused Israel of the destruction and looting of the Palestinian Research Centre in Beirut.

He said the Israelis also killed 13 researchers in the centre.

Carter confers with Egyptian leaders, lauds Cairo policies

CAIRO (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter visited Egyptian leaders Wednesday to savour the taste of the "peace" he helped create between Israel and Egypt four years ago.

In meetings with President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, Mr. Carter heard how Israeli-Egyptian relations were faring under pressure of the events that flowed from Israel's invasion of Lebanon last year.

He also was briefed by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib on progress of negotiations for withdrawal of Israeli and other foreign troops from Lebanon.

Mr. Carter disclosed nothing of substance about any of these meetings. Taxed by reporters, he heaped praise on current Egyptian policies and expressed optimism about the future.

"I expressed my appreciation for the beneficial effects of Egyptian policies during these troubled times in the Middle East," Mr. Carter said.

He offered no public criticism of Israel which is the next stop on his five-nation Middle East tour. Political analysts said the for-

mer president must have been made well aware of the contrast between the frosty state of Israeli-Egyptian relations now and the euphoria that surrounded the signing of the treaty on the White House lawn in 1979.

Mr. Carter told reporters the present U.S. government had the same goal as Egypt in seeking speedy withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli forces from Lebanon.

After such a withdrawal he said, Egypt would be able to explore improvement of trade and other relations with Israel as prescribed in the treaty he had helped to draw up.

During the morning Mr. Carter inspected antiquities in the Egyptian museum and arranged a trip to the Giza Pyramids. While in Egypt he will visit the legendary tombs of the Pharaohs in the Upper Nile country and see the Aswan High Dam.

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HOME NEWS

Jordanian collaborationists given stiff sentences

AMMAN (Petra) — Four Jordanians have been given sentences ranging from 15 years imprisonment to life with hard labour for having dealings with the Israeli enemy, according to an announcement from the military court Wednesday.

It said that Suleiman Ali Al Qadi will go to jail for life with hard labour for collaborating through the Israeli-sponsored Village Leagues. Each of the following will be jailed for 15 years with hard labour on similar charges: Aayed Abdel Rohman Hassan, Hassan Fagih, Iqab Abdul Qader Mas'oud. The military governor Wednesday endorsed the sentences.

JSH talk about ways of boosting tourism

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Society of Hoteliers (JSH) held a seminar at the Jerusalem International Melia Hotel in Amman Wednesday to discuss means of promoting tourism in Jordan.

JSH President Zuheir Ajlouni said that the effect of the recession on the tourist industry in Jordan was at the centre of the discussions.

It was decided that invitations would be extended to 50 world tourist promoters to pay a visit to Jordan in order to tour its archaeological sites, Mr. Ajlouni said.



The Jordan Society of Hoteliers hold a seminar Wednesday on ways of rejuvenating the tourist industry in Jordan (Petra photo)

Jordan road crashes claim 95 deaths in November, December

AMMAN (J.T.) — A total of 95 people died in the road accidents in Jordan in the last two months of 1982 and 1,341 others were injured, according to a statistical bulletin released by the Security Department here Wednesday.

It said 49 people died and 685 were injured in the month of November, and 46 died and 656 were injured in the December of last year in a total of 2,645 road accidents. Of those injured, 39 were in a serious condition, the statement said.

The statement revealed that

Amman had the lion's share of these accidents amounting to 445 in November and 534 in December. Other areas listed were Zarqa, Balqa Governorate, Irbid Governorate, Karak, Ma'an and Aqaba. All kinds of vehicles: buses, lorries, pick-up trucks and small cars were involved in these accidents, the statement added.

An analytical study of the accidents also revealed that the causes of accidents were due mainly to: wrong overtaking, speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road, driving through red lights, driving with no lights at night, parking in prohibited areas and disregarding traffic police instructions.

Jordan has the third highest road accident rate per capita in the world, surpassed only by Ethiopia and Syria.

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EDUCATION PROGRAMME DISCUSSED:

Education Under-Secretary Abdul Latif Arabiyat Wednesday addressed a meeting of the Irbid governorate's education committee (Petra photo)

Irbid electrification extended

IRBID (Petra) — The Irbid District Electricity Company has started implementing a project to electrify six villages in Mafray District, according to the company's Director Mohammad Arafah. He said that the project also entails supplying electricity to power six artesian wells which will help pump water to more agricultural lands. The project, expected to be completed in the next three months, will cost nearly JD 250,000, Mr. Arafah said. Villages benefiting from the project are: Umm Al Jimal, Sab' Asir, Amra, Amira, Sabha and Subbiab.

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1. Channel 11 will be taken out of service and replaced by Channel 57, UHF band.
2. The main channel will transmit on Channel 54, UHF band, in addition to the existing Channel 9.

This new service on the UHF channels will start Saturday 5th March, 1983, at 1500 hours.

Please note that the announcement concerns our viewers in the centre of Amman only who used to receive the television signal from the insurance building at the First Circle.

61 new books registered in January, says Sharkas

AMMAN — In compliance with Jordan legal deposit regulations, sixty-one titles of books ready to be published, were registered at the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives (DLDNA) during the month of February, according to the Director-General of the DLDNA, Dr. Ahmad Sharkas. "Sixty-seven books were also registered in January on a variety of subjects including psychology, sociology, religion, the arts, pure sciences, history and geography," he said.

Dr. Sharkas pointed out that adherence to the department's regulation follows a defence order issued on Jan. 1 instructing authors, printers and publishers to acquire a legal deposit number for each book printed and published in Jordan. "This number," he explained, "should appear on the last page of every publication."

In addition to the deposit number, Dr. Sharkas said that two copies of each published work should be deposited at the DLDNA library as soon as it is ready for distribution. The order enforcing the deposit regulation is enshrined in the DLDNA by-law.

Asked about the aim of the deposit regulation, Dr. Sharkas said that this advanced step would help in compiling the bibliography of national publications as well as "constituting a significant indicator in judging the quality of national publications". Another important reason for the regulation is that it helps in conducting national, regional and international comparative publication studies, Dr. Sharkas said.

It will also be used to analyse trends in the type of books being published, as well as monitoring the translations and editing of publications in order to assess their strengths and weaknesses, Dr. Sharkas added.

"This kind of thing will lead to better cultural and educational planning, and in addition this legal deposit law will contribute in preserving authorship rights," he added.

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Labour exchange talks further Jordanian-Filipino relations

By Afifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — We have briefly discussed the development and level of our relations particularly in the field of labour exchange, and we have surveyed the note and pattern of this exchange. Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani told the Jordan Times after meeting the Philippines Labour and Employment Minister, Blas Ople Wednesday evening.

The meeting was also attended by Under-Secretary Tayseer Abdul Jabbar and several officials from the Jordanian ministry, as well as by eight members of their Filipino counterpart.

Dr. Anani also said that the two

parties have come to the conclusion that the services provided by the Filipino labour, especially in the nursing field, has been most gratifying and to the mutual advantage of both governments.

As I happened to be in the vicinity of Jordan after concluding a very "pleasant and productive" official visit to Saudi Arabia, I thought of discussing with my Jordanian counterpart matters of mutual interest to our countries, Mr. Blas Ople said.

The Philippines Minister of Labour and Employment said that the meeting discussed ways of furthering cooperation in the field of manpower. "During the meeting I expressed profound appreciation from my government for the hos-

pitality which Jordan extends to our labourers," he said.

Mr. Blas Ople pointed out that there are 3,000 Filipino workers employed in various occupations in the country. "We successfully obtained certain clarifications of policies governing expatriate manpower in this country" and can disseminate this information at home so as to improve mutual understanding, he said.

On being questioned about why the majority of Filipino labour work in hospitals, Mr. Ople said that the Philippines medical and nursing institutions graduate 7,000 nurses a year and "this number tend to be more than our immediate need and thus cannot be accommodated."

There are 35,000 nurses in U.S. hospitals and everybody

knows that New York hospitals will collapse if they decide to go home," he said.

There are also 6,000 nurses in West Germany, 3,000 in Austria and almost 2,000 in Jordan, he added.

However, Mr. Ople pointed out that reports our government receives about the level of the nurses' conduct and performance in hospitals and medical institutions are high.

Asked about the rate of unemployment in the Philippines he said that it rests at 5.2 per cent throughout the nation but in the capital Manila there is an unemployment rate of 12 per cent.

Mr. Ople stated that he will visit Jordan for a longer period having received such an invitation from Dr. Jawad Al Anani.

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Jordan escapes worst effects of gold price fall

By Fahed Fanek

Special to the Jordan Times

On Monday, gold markets were in a state of panic. Gold lost more than \$50 an ounce, the third largest one day drop in history, well over 10 per cent.

In order to understand what is happening to gold, we have to look into what is happening to oil. There is an invisible and vague formula connecting the prices of the two precious materials: one ounce of gold is equal to 15-20 barrels of oil.

It is evident how that a price war over fuel is about to start, and that the price of oil may plunge to as low as \$20 a barrel before the end of this year. If this happened the gold price would be in the order of \$300 to 400 per ounce.

The reduction in inflation rates world-wide, should have caused

gold prices to go down. However, contrary to this logical exception, the gold price shot up to above \$500 because of the shock that rocked the international banking system after several debtor countries (Mexico, Brazil and other Latin American countries) declared that they were no longer able to meet their debt payments.

Observers are now of the opinion that the international banking system can absorb the shock and survive the crisis with no major casualties, and that the reduced fuel sales proceeds will oblige some countries (especially the Soviet Union and Gulf States) to pour more gold into the market in order to generate badly needed foreign exchange.

Jordan is currently in possession of some 30 tonnes of fine gold, or the equivalent of 1,067,000 ounces. This stock is worth some \$435

million (JD 156 million) at the market closing prices of last Monday. This forms a 33 per cent gold cover to the Jordan dinars in circulation.

This means that during the month of February, Jordan lost around JD 38 million on its official gold stock as a result of the reduction in gold prices by \$100 per ounce.

Fortunately, the Central Bank of Jordan applies a conservative accounting policy, and carries gold in its balance sheet at \$175 per ounce only, which is still way below the present market price.

Thus the collapse in the gold price will not cause any accounting loss in the books of the Central Bank of Jordan.

It is feared, nevertheless, that some Jordanian gold dealers and money changers have lost their shirts in the process.

Egypt's child labour 'worrying'

By Hamza Hendawi

Reuters

CAIRO — Child labour is considered by many to be a largely established fact of Egyptian life, but a recent increase in the number of children sent to work soon after learning to walk is worrying foreign labour experts.

The problem has attracted little attention from successive governments.

One example is Toubia, a ragged eight-year-old Egyptian boy, who climbs stairways in multi-storey buildings collecting rubbish. Sogging under a sack almost twice his size, he plods up the stairways which have been his workplace for three years.

Toubia's plight is common in Egypt where half the 44 million population is under the age of 15.

"Apart from a brief allusion to the problem in the country's recently launched five-year development plan, little is done for the plight of children in Egypt," one expert told Reuters.

Another expert recalled the introduction in 1980 by the government of a nine-year com-

pulsory education system, a regulation primarily designed to satisfy international conventions on labour conditions.

"They know it is impossible to implement as the country suffers... from an acute shortage of schools," he said.

Members of international organisations concerned with the welfare of children say the government does not issue figures on child labour in Egypt, estimated by foreign diplomats to involve two to four million children.

"The subject is understandably sensitive and it is obvious they do not want it to surface, at least for the time being," one diplomat told Reuters.

Child labour experts believe the recent boom in construction activities in Egypt and the exodus over the past decade of a considerable section of the male labour force to Arab states have created a need for all available labour — including that of children.

Agricultural workers are leaving the countryside for the cities or for other countries. A report by

the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on employment in Egypt says the agricultural sector has lost a significant percentage of its male force, advancing women and children to fill the gap.

But apart from the agricultural and construction sectors, thousands of children, as young as four years, are involved in jobs ranging from domestic service, garbage collecting, illegal apprenticeships in repair shops to cleaning windcreens in traffic jams.

The ILO report also says there are "disturbing indications of declining elementary school attendance and increasing dropout rates."

"It is not just a question of building more schools, it is making them more attractive for those who, under economic and social pressures, could opt for work to earn a little money to help the family," one diplomat said.

Others, maintaining that the problem in Egypt was far less serious than in other Third World countries, say child labour in Egypt will not be overcome for many years.

Randa Habib's CORNER

Idiosyncratic newsreading

The verbal errors of our radio and TV announcers will never cease to be a source of surprise, especially their own idiosyncratic way of pronouncing foreign personal- and place-names.

Why is it that the standard of the radio and TV announcers is so low? Are the salaries so low that better or more experienced people cannot be employed?

The way the news is read in Arabic is often monotonous and dull. The news in Hebrew is apparently full of mistakes (there I am relying on other people's judgement because I do not understand Hebrew). In English the exclusively feminine newsreaders are sometimes too full of appearance and presentation. The news in French is an excellent exercise in language: when the speaker is French we hear how French should be spoken; when the speaker is not French we learn how not to speak French.

As to the TV speakers who spare you their image and give you the run-down of the programmes, there is a lot I could say. On the foreign channel they mix up the hours, make enormous mistakes in the titles of programmes and almost tell you the whole story of the film that is to be shown. (When it is a mystery film or a thriller you can imagine the disappointment!)

There are however some good speakers who, if well directed, would be excellent. Would it be asking too much to begin, at least, by teaching them the correct way to pronounce foreign names?

GUEST COMMENTARY

By Dr. Sue Dahdah

Learning a second language is just like learning your own as a child

After many years' experience teaching and observing children who are learning English as a second language, I am convinced that a practical approach is the most successful. By a practical approach I mean that the second language should be taught in much the same way that one learns the native language.

If you watch a child as he begins to learn language, you will observe that he understands long before he speaks. When the child is around one-year old, he begins to speak simple words, but his level of understanding is much higher. By the age of two the child can put simple sentences together. These sentences are often grammatically incorrect since the child learns to speak in patterns. By the age of three the child is usually speaking fluently because he has been immersed in language. When the child

enters school he has developed a fairly sophisticated level of understanding and speaking.

At this time the child is ready to translate these oral skills into reading and, a bit later, into writing. This process follows along the lines of speaking. First comes recognising letters, then associating these letters with their sounds, then reading simple words, and finally being able to read sentences, paragraphs, and books. Writing develops around this time and should be used to teach mechanics — i.e., capitalisation, punctuation, spelling, etc.

After learning to read and write fluently, the child is ready for analysis of the language through grammar. This usually should not take place in the elementary grades. Maureen Applegate in "Easy in English" writes, "Especially in the grades, grammatical

forms must not be taught as they used to be taught, as isolated lessons in texts and workbooks. Unless grammar makes sense to children, unless it has meaning in their lives, there is little sense in teaching it."

Learning a second language is basically the same process. The child must have knowledge of the oral language and be able to understand, speak, read, and write before he is ready for the more abstract grammar analysis. Teaching grammar before the child has a functional use of the language would be like trying to teach a person to play a piano concerto before he could read notes and understand the keyboard.

In learning the native language the child is totally immersed in it. He hears it constantly — parents and other relatives speaking together, radio, TV — there is always

some form of language around him.

This same concept should be used in teaching the second language. The more the child can be surrounded by the language, without anyone to translate into the native language, the faster he learns that language.

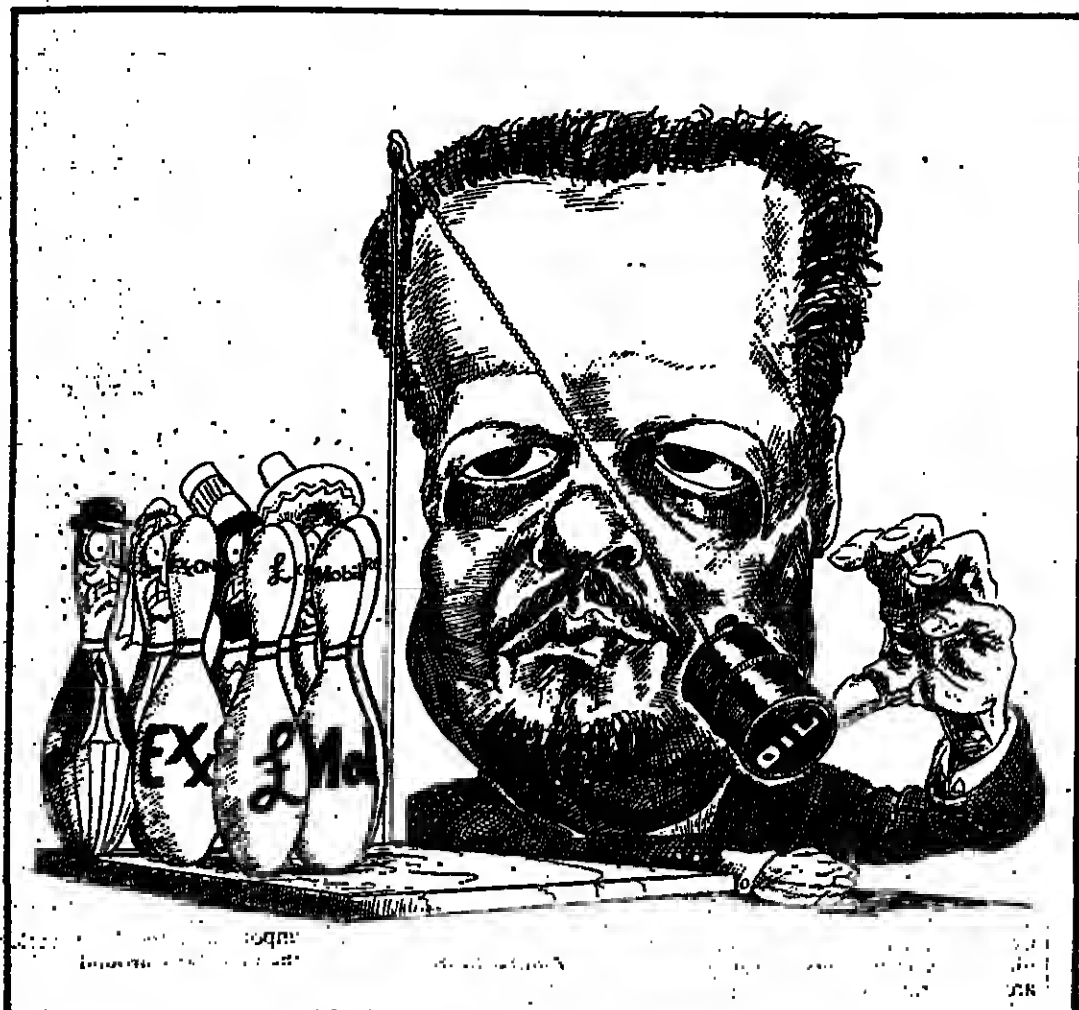
However, this is not always possible, so the rate of learning the second language depends upon the amount of time it is heard, used, and accepted. The process takes a relatively short time for some children and a long time for others.

The child who is really interested in learning the second language, who concentrates on the language, and uses it readily, will learn much faster than the one who shuts out the language and insists on using the comfortable

mother tongue.

To learn the native language completely takes many years; therefore learning a second language does not happen overnight. It takes time, patience, and much effort. The child who learns the second language following the same patterns as in learning his native one will have a practical, functional knowledge and use of the language. If this practical method is followed, the whole process takes less time for the child to become fluent and to be able to apply the language in new situations, than it does when the more traditional, grammatical rote process is used.

The writer is director of the Abdul Hamid Sharaf School, Amman.



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SPORTS

Davis Cup holders U.S. face possibility of 1st round elimination

LONDON (R) — Davis Cup holders the United States face the possibility of first round elimination from the 1983 event when they take on Argentina in Buenos Aires in the championship section of the competition beginning on Friday.

The tie will be played on clay at the Buenos Aires Tennis Club, a fact which in the opinion of U.S. non-playing captain Arthur Ashe "undoubtedly favours the Argentinians."

The Americans have won the Cup four of the last five years, but it was in the same setting in the second round in 1980 that Argentina inflicted the last defeat on the United States by a 4-1 score. Their clay court experts Guillermo Vilas and Jose Luis Clerc each beat American ace John McEnroe, two of only three defeats for McEnroe in 29 Davis Cup singles matches.

The Americans exacted partial revenge for that loss by beating Argentina in the 1981 final in the United States, but they are definite underdogs this weekend.

Their cause is not helped by a shoulder injury which kept McEnroe out of competition through most of last month. He will play, but he seems unlikely to be at the top of his game.

Gene Mayer is expected to play the second singles while McEnroe and Peter Fleming, the only U.S. winners in the 1980 tie, again team up for the doubles. Eliot Tel-

tscher completes the same team who crushed France 4-1 in the 1982 final in Grenoble.

Argentina, meanwhile, have overcome one slight internal dispute which threatened to cost them the services of Vilas for the tie, but he and Clerc still seem to be at odds with one another in a personality clash which could affect team spirit.

The seven other first round ties also begin on Friday with France facing a stiff challenge against the Soviet Union in Moscow. Yannick Noah again leads the team who went to the final last year, while teenagers Henri Leconte and Guy Forget, the world's top junior in 1982, and veteran Dominique Bedel back him up.

Australia will have their fast-rising 17-year-old Pat Cash in the lineup to face Britain in Adelaide, and the British would seem to need a heroic performance from their number one, Buster Mottram, to stand a chance.

Czechoslovakia, who in 1980 were the last non-American winners of the cup, have a long visit to Paraguay but with Ivan Lendl in their lineup should cope easily with the home side.

Czechoslovakia are far from a one-man team, Pavel Slozil and Tomas Smid ably abetting the efforts of Lendl. The winners of that tie in Assuncion will play France or the Soviet Union in the next round. Italy, whom Czechoslovakia

beat in the 1980 final in Prague, should be too strong for newly-promoted Ireland in Reggio Calabria, and a victory would put them through to meet either the Americans or the Argentinians in round two.

In the other three ties, Romania are at home to Chile in Timisoara, Sweden play host to last year's eastern Zone champions Indonesia in Bjaerred and New Zea-

land, who battled to the semi-finals last year, have a home tie against Denmark in Christchurch.

There are also four American zone second round ties and four in the eastern zone this weekend.

Most of the attention in those encounters will be focussed on Osaka, Japan, where the home country take on China, who will be making their first appearance in the Davis Cup.

New Zealand team sets new four-by-one mile relay record

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (R) — A New Zealand team anchored by 1976 Olympic 1500 metres champion John Walker set a world's best mark Tuesday night for the four-by-one mile relay.

The quartet of Tony Rogers, John Bowden, Mike Gilchrist and Walker clocked 15 minutes 59.57 seconds, 3.03 seconds better than the previous best of 16:02.8 set by

a New Zealand team in 1972. Australia's Mike Hillardt, David Forbes, Gerrard Ryan and Paul Grinstead finished second in 16:30.17.

Official world records for the distance were scrapped in 1976 when the International Amateur Athletic Federation switched entirely to metrics, except for the individual one mile.

Mancini, Moore to defend titles

NEW YORK (R) — Ray Mancini and Davey Moore will defend their World Boxing Association (WBA) titles in Sun City, Bophuthatswana, on May 27, promoter Bob Arma announced Wednesday.

Lightweight champion Mancini faces fellow American Ken Bogen and junior middleweight title holder Moore meets former lightweight and welterweight King Roberto Duran of Panama.

Saudi Football Federation blames referee for violence

JEDDAH (R) — The Saudi Football Federation has blamed Belgian referee Alexis Ponnet for the violence in a World Military Football Championship match between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in Abu Dhabi on Monday.

Ponnet, one of the world's leading referees, was knocked to the ground by a substitute from the Saudi team during the match, which Kuwait had been winning 2-1 in extra time.

Ponnet lay still for several minutes before walking from pitch holding his head in both hands. The Saudi Football Federation said in a statement Tuesday night that the referee had acted provocatively and had sent off two

Saudi players from match without any justification.

The statement, which did not name Ponnet, said the referee had "concentrated on intimidating the Saudi team. Most of his rulings were unjust."

The statement, carried by the Saudi Press Agency, also denounced Ponnet's assailant unsporting behaviour.

The match was a playoff on neutral ground after the Kuwait and Saudi military teams had drawn over home and away legs last October. During the second encounter in Kuwait riot police had to intervene and dozens of spectators were injured as fans fought with chairs.

Australia recalls Yallop for Sri Lanka cricket tour

SYDNEY (R) — Graham Yallop, the Victorian captain, was recalled Wednesday to the Australian cricket side to tour Sri Lanka in April.

Yallop, a member of the Australian team who toured England in 1981, finished the Australian season with 1,254 runs, beating the previous highest aggregate of 1,217 set by fellow-Victorian Bill Ponsford in 1927-28.

Tasmanian captain and wicketkeeper Roger Woolley and Western Australian off-spinner Tom Hogan have also been included in the team, who will be captained by Greg Chappell.

David Hookes, who made a successful return to the test side in the recent series against England, has been named as vice-captain.

New South Wales opener John Dyson, who played all five tests against England, is the only surprise omission from the side who will play one test.

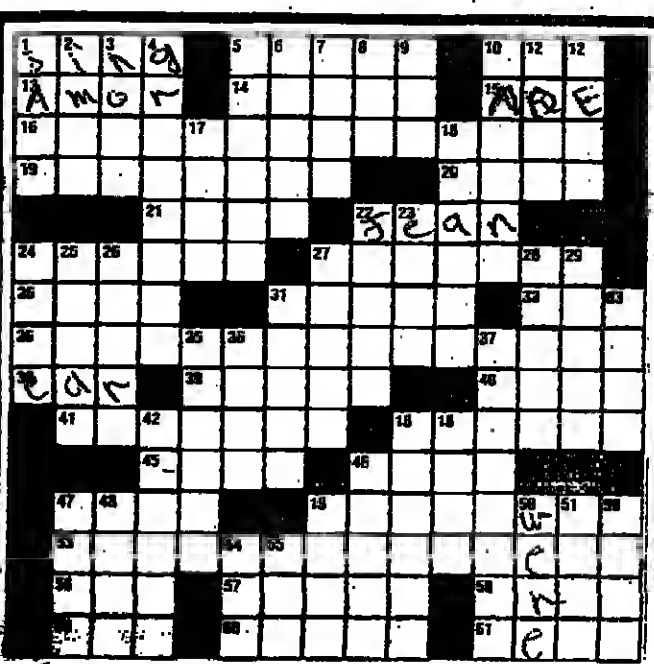
The selectors also named Dirk Wellham as captain of an Australian side to tour Zimbabwe later this month. Wellham scored a century on his test debut against England two years ago but has been unable to command a regular place in the side since.

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ECONOMY

Sterling trades at 4-year low

LONDON (R) — Sterling traded in Europe Wednesday at a four-year low against major currencies after falling briefly below the psychologically-important \$1.50 mark in New York and London. Sterling had declined in value since the failure of OPEC countries to reach agreement on an oil price and production policy in January. Investors fear an oil price war would cut British government income and produce a balance of payments problems, with the consequent weakness of sterling pushing up prices and interest rates and adversely affecting economic recovery.

The Bank of England's trade-weighted index, a basket of currencies of Britain's major trading partners with a 1975 base of 100, fell to a four-year low of 79.9 points compared with 80.0 at Tuesday's London close.

Dealers said sterling hit a record low of \$1.4980 in New York Tuesday before recovering on suspected Bank of England intervention to prop up its value. It closed at \$1.5007 compared with \$1.5072 the previous day.

Sterling opened sharply lower Wednesday in London, touching \$1.4993 before recovering to around \$1.5045.

The British currency was trading around 3.6558 West German marks and 3.0865 Swiss francs this morning.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities were firmer in moderate trading on the back of Tuesday's record close on Wall Street, dealers said. The FT index at 1500 was up 8.7 at 6503.

Among leading industrials, ICI rose 8p to 388, BTR gained 12p at 430 and Plessey was up 8p at 587 after 589.

Government bonds rallied to close around ½ point firmer in longer dated issues, just below the day's best levels, as sterling moved back above \$1.50 and attracted reasonable buying interest in moderate trading, dealers said.

Gold shares were sharply higher in line with the bullion price and North American shares were firmer.

In insurance, General Accident fell 16p to 420 after 440 following news of reduced annual profits, while in composites, Sedgwick gained 9p at 119. Barclays was up 10p at 458 in mostly firmer banks while in oils, BP and Shell edged off the highs to show gains of 2p at 308 and 422 respectively.

Current issues were firm with Blue Circle up 17p at 410 and Aberthaw 20p higher at 633. Investment Trust Guinness Peat was up 5p at 66 after 58 following news it is to raise £20.1 through a one for one rights issue.

Polly Peck, which returned to the market Tuesday, was up £1 ½ at £16.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

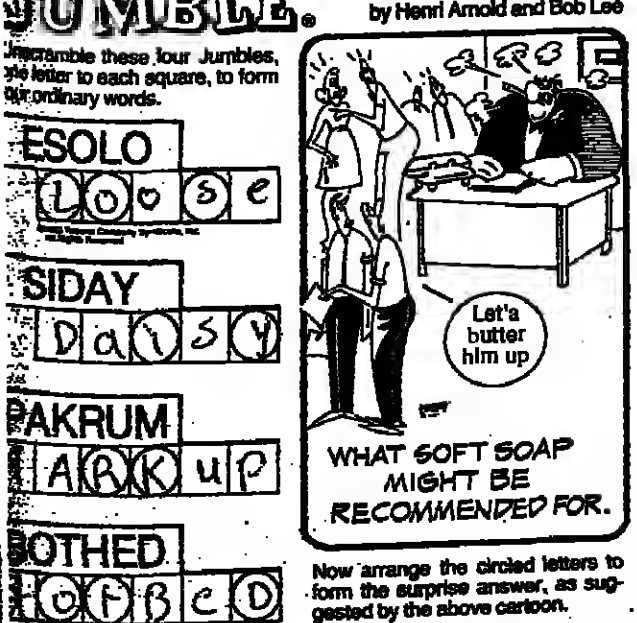
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One sterling	1.5110/20	1.5110/20
One U.S. dollar	1.2268/71	1.2268/71
One U.S. dollar	2.4240/50	2.4240/50
One U.S. dollar	2.6840/50	2.6840/50
One U.S. dollar	2.0475/95	2.0475/95
One U.S. dollar	47.75/79	47.75/79
One U.S. dollar	6.8750/8800	6.8750/8800
One U.S. dollar	1402.00/1403.00	1402.00/1403.00
One U.S. dollar	237.00/15	237.00/15
One U.S. dollar	7.4600/30	7.4600/30
One U.S. dollar	7.1450/80	7.1450/80
One U.S. dollar	8.6350/6400	8.6350/6400
One ounce of gold	430.00/432.00	430.00/432.00

THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



JUMBLE



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Yesterday's Jumble: LUNGE NOISY UNRULY OCELOT
Answer: "Do ships this size sink very often?" — "NO, ONLY ONCE."

W. German jobless hits new record

BONN (R) — West German unemployment rose above the politically-sensitive 2.5 million mark last month, setting a post-war record, but the rate of increase is slowing, a labour ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

The official jobless figures are due to be issued Thursday, three days before the general election, by the federal labour office.

The labour ministry spokesman said they would show a rise of between 40,000 and 50,000 over the January record of 2.49 million, or 10.2 per cent of the workforce.

But that compared with a surge of 263,700 in January.

Both Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right government and the Social-Democratic (SPD) opposition are expected to seize on the figures as ammunition for the final phase of what has been a bitter election campaign.

Health Minister Heimer Geissler, general secretary of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), said on television Tuesday night the statistics would bear out the government's contention that an economic upturn was already under way.

Political analysts said the jobless figures were unlikely to give either side much political help, since they showed neither a dramatic worsening nor a marked improvement on the labour market.

Unemployment has risen by 750,000 since Mr. Kohl took office last October, ousting Helmut Schmidt's Left-Liberal coalition, but the new government has resisted calls for a state spending programme to pull the economy out of recession and create jobs.

Apart from moves to promote the building industry, Mr. Kohl has relied largely on what he calls the self-healing powers of free enterprise.

West German industry has pledged to create an extra 30,000 apprenticeships this year to absorb youth unemployment but the trade unions have disputed the seriousness of this offer.

SPD candidate Mr. Hans-Jochen Vogel has promised an active employment policy if he wins, including shorter working hours, earlier retirement and state moves to create training jobs.

West Berlin plans to emerge as leading telecommunications producer

WEST BERLIN (R) — West Berlin, the German Federal Republic's largest industrial city, plans to emerge from the current world economic recession as a leading producer of telecommunications equipment and a pace-setter in advanced technology research.

But many experts fear the isolated city's reliance on the electronic technology of the future may worsen rather than improve employment prospects for its two million inhabitants.

West Berlin lies 160 kilometres inside Communist East Germany and depends heavily on the West German economy.

About 80 per cent of the city's imports and exports are driven or flown to and from the Federal Republic.

The city has not escaped West Germany's weak demand and high unemployment.

Over 11 per cent of the West Berlin workforce were jobless in January, compared with the national average of 10.2 per cent, and union officials expect the total to soar over 100,000 in February from 88,000 in January.

The number of industrial jobs in the city has halved in the past 20 years to around 170,000 and there is little chance of a short-term improvement, with industrial investment falling an estimated 13 per cent in 1982.

Last December, about 120 top managers gathered with political leaders of all parties for an "economic summit" to halt this erosion of the city's industrial base.

The conference was declared a resounding success.

Industry announced 17 new projects for the city which union officials estimate will create around 3,000 jobs in the medium term.

The projects are centred on telecommunications and advanced technology.

From 1984 a group comprising electronics firms Siemens and Philips plans to produce in the city an annual 100,000 tonnes of glass fibre cable, which transmits signals faster and of better quality than traditional copper wire.

West Germany's car firms will form a research group to develop industrial robots.

Volkswagen, the largest user of West Germany's 3,000 robots, may move its whole robot research programme to West Berlin if the plan is a success. "The atmosphere was euphoric before Christmas," it was good psychology but many fear now it may be a mixed blessing," Mr. Carsten Meyer-Oldenburg of the chamber of commerce said.

There is growing concern that the city is already too dependent on electrical engineering.

Only 30 of the 2,400 factories in the city employ over 1,000 workers — and half of these are electrical and electronics firms.

Siemens employs around 22,000 workers, and the existence of an area called "Siemensstadt" (Siemens town) underlines its role as the city's biggest employer.

Nixdorf, a rapidly growing computer company, is also centred in West Berlin.

Both companies are riding out the recession well, but a shock wave swept through the city last year when the AEG-Telefunken electrical concern, one of the city's largest employers, was threatened with bankruptcy.

AEG will sack over 2,000 of its workforce of over 10,000 and its problems brought home the dangers of the fiercely competitive electrical market.

"The technical improvements needed to survive in electrical engineering will lead to further gains in productivity and increased rationalisation — Basically, this means fewer jobs for the unemployed," Mr. Meyer-Oldenburg says.

The new technology is receiving massive investment aid from the centre-right government in Bonn, which already gives attractive tax incentives for firms and individuals to move to the city.

But West Berliners feel any new jobs created may be taken by skilled outsiders rather than the local unemployed.

Oil officials meet today

LONDON (R) — Key Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil ministers are to hold informal talks in London Thursday on averting a world oil price war, sources close to the 13-member exporter group said Wednesday.

The ministers of Nigeria and Venezuela were expected in London later Wednesday and would be joined by their counterparts from other OPEC states.

In Lagos, a senior Nigerian government spokesman said the London talks would be crucial in deciding whether or not an emergency meeting of OPEC would take place as planned this week or early next week.

There was no official confirmation of the attendance at Thursday's talks but the London-based Saudi newspaper Asharq Al Awsat said they would involve the ministers of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, Algeria and Indonesia as well as the representatives of Nigeria and Venezuela.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti was due here Wednesday amid signs that his bid to involve non-OPEC producer Britain in a pricing accord was running into trouble.

Mr. Calderon has been leading OPEC efforts to persuade Britain and the other main non-OPEC producer, Mexico, to cooperate on defending world prices in the present glutted market.

But a source close to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Wednesday "OPEC is a cartel and must run its own affairs. OPEC must stop involving the British government in its affairs."

It was the clearest indication so far that Britain, which last month recommended a \$3 cut in the price of its North Sea oil, would stick to a policy of maintaining maximum output at prices dictated by the international market.

The sources said reports that a decision on whether Britain would trim oil production in response to OPEC appeals was being left to Mrs. Thatcher were "nonsense".

Asharq Al Awsat said in its report Wednesday that, if the London talks indicate that a full OPEC conference would fail to reach agreement, the Gulf countries planned to cut their own oil prices by between \$5 to \$7 a barrel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Yugoslavs urged to sacrifice more

BELGRADE (R) — President Petar Stambolic urged Yugoslavs Tuesday to make greater sacrifices to stimulate the economy and said the country's economic performance had been disappointing so far this year. In a report to the Yugoslav federal assembly (parliament), Mr. Stambolic said he supported the government's austerity programme, which aims to reduce costly imports and build up foreign currency reserves. He called for an end to "hesitancy and vacillation" in putting Yugoslavia's long-term economic strategy into effect. His words suggested that production and export figures, two keys to economic improvement, were below the Yugoslav leadership's expectations so far this year. The government has set ambitious targets for 1983 — two per cent industrial growth and a 20 per cent increase in exports to the West — to complement international efforts to help the country repay a \$20 billion debt to creditors in the West and Japan.

Arab institutes study investment

DUBAI (OPECNA) — A study on the volume and trend of investments in the Arab World is being carried out by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development together with the Arab Institute for Guaranteeing Investment and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. The study aims to promote the role of investments in Arab social and economic development. A delegation representing the investment institutes informed UAE minister of finance and industry Mr. Hamdan Bin Rashid here Monday of the results of their studies regarding investments in the Emirates. As a result, the ministry of finance and industry was instructed to undertake a follow-up study to be presented to a meeting of Arab ministers of finance and economy on April 18 in Algiers. The delegation has so far visited 18 Arab countries.

Indonesia's metal exports decline

JAKARTA (OPECNA) — Indonesia's 1982 nickel ore exports dropped to 1.05 million tons, a decline of about 11 per cent compared to 1.18 million tons in 1981, a spokesman of Aneka Tambang, the state mining company, said Monday. Taking 1980 as the base year, when 1.28 million tons were exported, the decline is 18 per cent. The bulk of Indonesian ore is exported to Japan. Ferro-nickel exports in 1982 also fell by 15 per cent over 1981. Indonesia is a marginal exporter of the commodity.

World Bank ratifies loan to India

WASHINGTON (R) — The World Bank Tuesday approved a \$222.3 million loan to assist the first major gas development project in India. The project, which has a total cost of \$701.4 million, will bring production capacity in the South Basin field in the Arabian Sea to five million cubic meters of gas a day by June, 1985. The bank said that natural gas was becoming increasingly important to the Indian economy. The gas development project consists of four offshore platforms for drilling, processing, gas flaring and quarters for 125 operating personnel. The World Bank loan is for 20 years, including five years of grace, at an interest rate linked to the cost of bank borrowing.

Poland's creditors urged to meet

BONN (R) — The European Community wants Western governments to meet to discuss Poland's failure to service its official debts since the end of 1981, West German and British ministers said Tuesday. West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, speaking after a Community meeting, said the ministers had agreed to press for talks among Poland's Western creditor countries. British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. Douglas Hurd said the Community had decided to meet other official creditors to discuss ways to calling the Poles to account for their failure to service their officially guaranteed debt. He said no payments had been made since the end of 1981, when Western nations froze official contacts with the Warsaw government following its imposition of martial law. Mr. Hurd said the Community wanted to call the Poles to account for their failure to pay but had not yet decided whether or not this meant talks would have to be held with the Polish government.

Volkswagen, union agree on wages

BONN (R) — West Germany's car maker Volkswagen and the trade union of its 119,000 workers agreed Tuesday on a four per cent wage rise, first settlement in the 1983 metal industry pay round, a company spokesman said. He added the rise, effective for 15 months retroactively from Feb. 1, would be only 3.2 per cent over a year. The news came shortly before thousands of metal workers answered their union IG Metall's call for brief warning strikes aimed at getting other industry employers to improve their 2.5 per cent offer for 1983. The union has been asking at least a 4.5 per cent wage rise for the 3.7 million workers to match its forecast for this year's boost in the cost of living index. The employers' organisation Gesamt Metall said Volkswagen's pay deal was unrealistic. Many firms would have to lay off more workers if they paid anywhere near four per cent, it added.

Creditors to reschedule Cuban debt

PARIS (R) — Representatives of Cuba's creditor nations have agreed to recommend to their governments a major reorganisation of its debts, a statement issued after a two-day meeting of the representatives said Tuesday. Diplomatic sources said Cuba was seeking to reschedule a total of around \$1.2 billion, including bank debts of which between 70 and 80 per cent was due to governments. The statement said the rescheduling would cover debt due between Sept. 1, 1982 and Dec. 31, 1983. It gave no details of the reorganisation, but the diplomatic sources said Cuba had asked for a three-year moratorium on repayment of principal, followed by rescheduled repayments over 10 years, but would continue paying interest throughout the period. Cuba's external debt totalled about \$3.5 billion, they added.

Iran, Yugoslavia to expand ties

TEHRAN (OPECNA) — Iran has reaffirmed its willingness to expand economic and agricultural relations with Yugoslavia. A delegation led by Mr. Ani Markovich, head of Yugoslavia's Croatian Republic executive council, is here for talks aimed at boosting cooperation between the two countries. At a meeting Monday with Mr. Mohammad Salamati, Iranian minister of agriculture and rural development, Mr. Markovich said Yugoslavia was keen to further extend mutual ties.

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WORLD

Stormy seas hamper British royals

SANTA BARBARA, California (R) — Stormy seas have forced Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip and Nancy Reagan to fly to San Francisco Wednesday and stay in a city hotel instead of sailing on board the royal yacht, a British spokesman said.

The royal couple and Mrs. Reagan will stay in the St. Francis Hotel in the city center instead of aboard the yacht Britannia, complicating security problems.

More than 100 groups which have banded together in what they call the March 3 coalition have said at least 20,000 people will demonstrate at the presence of Queen Elizabeth and also of President Reagan, who arrives Thursday in the city.

One of the major groups is the Irish Republican committee, which wants British troops to leave Northern Ireland.

Security officials said their arrangements would have been less complicated if the royal couple had stayed in the yacht, but everything was under control and there would be adequate protection.

Union square, opposite the hotel, is a rallying center for protest groups, but police, who will be out in force Thursday, have refused the coalition permission to hold meetings there.

The royal couple and Mrs. Reagan flew from Santa Barbara to

Long Beach, 220 kilometres away, where Britannia is moored. Tuesday night ready to sail Wednesday to San Francisco.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip had earlier driven up a flooded, winding mountain road on the outskirts of Santa Barbara to lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Reagan in their five-roomed red and white cottage in the Santa Ynez mountains.

The royal couple were to have sailed to Santa Barbara aboard the royal yacht. But the gale force winds and torrential rains which have plagued their visit since they arrived in the Western United States on Saturday also forced the

cancellation of this voyage.

Instead, the royal couple began their journey to Santa Barbara in a battered old U.S. navy bus, high enough to travel over the flooded roads.

They switched to a U.S. air force plane, then to a limousine and finally to a four-wheel drive van for the journey up the mountain road, swamped by raging gulleys over half a metre deep in water.

The British spokesman said Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip and Mrs. Reagan would arrive at San Francisco airport late Wednesday afternoon and to go to the St. Francis Hotel.

Tokyo denies coup

TOKYO (R) — After a week-long investigation the Japanese government denied Wednesday an allegation that members of the armed forces plotted a coup in 1980.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Masaharu Gotoda told a press conference: "The government is convinced after a thorough investigation into allegations by an opposition M.P. that there was no attempted coup."

Yasusuke Narazaki, a minority party Member of Parliament, said on Feb. 21 that about 10,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen were involved in a plot, timed for June 1980, to bomb the prime minister's official residence with napalm and occupy parliament.

"bombshell" because of his frequent disclosures of military secrets, also said that about 120 officers and men were given only light punishments.

After the denial, Mr. Narazaki told parliament that his informants were active senior officers. "If an abnormal situation does not occur, I am confident that various things will become clear in about 10 days," he said.

Supporting the government's denial, Takashi Ueno, director-general of the defence ministry's personnel and education bureau, told reporters that the 190 senior officers assigned at the time to the units linked to the alleged coup attempt had all denied the presence of coup rumours or plots.

NEWS IN BRIEF

5 Poles who robbed Arabs on trial

WARSAW (R) — A Warsaw prosecutor has brought charges against five Poles who posed as policemen to gain access to apartments of about half a dozen Arabs living here and stole cash and jewellery, the official press reported Wednesday. The reports said the gang entered the apartments of Libyans, Syrians and Iraqis between July and October last year on the pretext of checking their identities and searching their homes. They stole more than \$17,000 worth of foreign currencies and jewellery worth more than \$300.

Veteran Solidarity activist on trial

WARSAW (R) — Anna Walentynowicz, veteran labour activist and symbol of the early days of the Solidarity trade union, will go on trial on March 9 for offences against martial law, her lawyer said.

13 proves to be lucky number

TAIPEI (R) — Thirteen has proved a lucky number for Hua Tng-Kuo. After being sentenced to death 12 times in the past nine years for a murder he did not commit, he was finally acquitted at the end of his 13th trial. Hua, a bricklayer, was first condemned to death in 1974. He was found guilty of killing his 66-year-old mother and raping his adopted daughter. But the rape conviction was overturned after it was proved Hua was impotent. And at his final trial for murder the court agreed with the defence's case that his conviction was based on circumstantial evidence provided by the stepdaughter who had a history of mental instability.

Amnesty accuses governments

GENEVA (R) — Amnesty International accused governments of making little effort to investigate information given to them about summary executions in their countries. A United Nations report presented to the 43-nation U.N. Human Rights Commission last month said at least two million people had been put to death over the past 15 years without a fair trial. Arbitrary executions had been reported in 37 countries, the report said. "When information about such executions is brought to the attention of governments, they have often issued flat denials without efforts to investigate the underlying events," Amnesty's representative Menno Kamminga told the Human Rights Commission.

Red Army Faction suspect caught

WIESBADEN, West Germany (R) — Police have arrested Gbela Duzel, a suspected member of the extreme left-wing Red Army Faction (RAF), also known as the Baader-Meinhof gang. Security sources said Miss Duzel, 30, was carrying a Colt .45 revolver and a false passport when the police, acting on a tip-off, detained her as she got off a train at the central station in Darmstadt. The sources said the authorities had information suggesting she had been living in Heidelberg, site of the U.S. army's European headquarters, and worked as a draughtswoman for a U.S. agency in nearby Mannheim between Nov. 1974 and Aug. 1980.

Marshal Ye says he will step down late '83

PEKING (R) — Marshal Ye Jianying, China's de facto head of state, announced Wednesday he would stand down later this year because of old age and failing health.

The new China News Agency (NCNA) said Marshal Ye, 85, told the current session of the standing committee of China's parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC), that he would not stand for another term as NPC chairman.

"It is my long-cherished wish to fight to the end for the Socialist cause, but I am old, failing in health and unable to do as much as I wish," he wrote to the committee.

Mao Tse-tung abolished the presidency during the "Cultural Revolution" after persecuting to death the last incumbent, Liu Shaohqi, and the NPC chairman assumed many of the ceremonial duties normally performed by a head of state.

Marshal Ye, a veteran revolutionary, helped in the 1930s organise the epic "long march".

Salvador army allegedly very short of ammunition

WASHINGTON (R) — El Salvador's armed forces could run out of ammunition within 30 days and need a quick injection of about \$90 million in U.S. military aid, Reagan administration officials said.

But the officials discounted congressional suggestions that the United States was sliding into increased military involvement in El Salvador much as it did in Vietnam.

They confirmed a report by senior White House officials which said the administration was reviewing whether to send more U.S. military trainers to El Salvador but denied it was considering increasing its military role.

Several Democrats on the foreign affairs sub-committee expressed concern about the increasing military role in El Salvador.

At least 135 feared dead in S. China ferry mishap

PEKING (R) — At least 135 people were feared Wednesday to have drowned in a ferry accident in southern China but an official said some passengers could still be alive, trapped inside the capsized hull.

Officials in Guangdong province, where the accident occurred Tuesday, said only 86 of the more than 200 passengers and 22 crew had been rescued.

The ferry Red Star 312 capsized in a violent storm before dawn on Tuesday morning while on an overnight trip from Canton to the city of Zhaoqing up the West River, which flows into the Pearl River delta near Hong Kong.

The Communist-run Hong Kong newspaper Hsin Wanpao quoted a spokesman for the accident relief group as saying the number of missing was believed to be nearer 150 and there was little hope that more survivors would be found.

But an official at disaster headquarters in Sanshui county, Guangdong province, told Reuters by telephone it was possible a few survivors could still be alive in air pockets inside the overturned vessel.

U.S. admits difficulties with China about Taiwan

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. State Department has acknowledged that the Taiwan issue had again cropped up in U.S. relations with China and reaffirmed the importance it attaches to the U.S.-Chinese joint communiqué on Taiwan.

Spokesman John Hughes said a Chinese foreign ministry official had made a presentation on Taiwan to the U.S. embassy in Peking. The New China News Agency said the official had "once again presented the solemn position of the Chinese government to the U.S. side on this matter."

noted that its "fundamental policy" was to strive for a peaceful reunification of Taiwan with "the motherland."

"The United States' view is that the communiqué speaks for itself. It contains two important statements of policy which are to be viewed together and we expect both parties to the communiqué to carry out the policies articulated in the document."

In his interview with Human Events last month, Mr. Reagan said "We did not give an inch" in the communiqué.

"If the day ever comes that those two (China and Taiwan) find they can get together and become one China in a peaceful manner, then there wouldn't be any need of arms sales to Taiwan," he said.

"And that's all that was meant in the communiqué. Nothing was meant beyond that. We're not going to say, 'Well, just as time goes by, we're going to reduce arms to them.'"

Armenian guerrillas try to maul Turkish economy

PARIS (R) — Armenian guerrillas who Monday claimed a bomb attack on a Paris travel agency dealing in trips to Turkey have turned to commercial targets in their campaign against Ankara, Turkish diplomatic sources say.

A young French woman telephone operator was killed and four people slightly injured when the bomb exploded Monday outside the first floor offices of the Marmara travel agency near the opera in central Paris, Police said.

The blast, caused by between 500 and 1,000 grammes of explosive, brought the ceiling crashing down, badly damaged the stairwell and littered the pavement outside with glass.

The Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA), the most prominent of Armenian guerrilla groups, claimed responsibility in telephone calls to news agencies and warned of more attacks on Turkish establishments in Paris.

The explosion, and a grenade attack on a Turkish airlines office in Paris last month, followed a

six-month lull since a wave of bomb attacks by Armenian guerrillas in the French capital injured more than two dozen people.

Turkish diplomatic sources said the guerrillas were trying to damage Turkey's economic position by putting tourists off visiting the country.

"They have started attacking even French enterprises who work with Turkey," said one source.

"This confirms a new phase of attacks. ASALA hopes it will affect trade with Turkey."

The extremists say they are fighting to avenge the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians by the Ottoman government in eastern Turkey in 1915. Successive Turkish governments have denied that a massacre took place.

Political commentators said Monday's bombing marked the end of what the guerrillas and French newspapers have called a tacit truce with the Socialist government since ASALA left its Beirut base last year after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Belgium to curb alien 'refugees'

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium announced plans to cut immigration from outside the European community and crack down on what it called a growing traffic in self-styled refugees from India, Pakistan and Ghana.

Justice Minister Jean Gol, saying a hall in new immigration was hoped for, added that the number of border posts for entry by non-Community migrants would be limited.

Ministerial aides said the jobless among comparatively recent arrivals could be offered help with fares back to their countries of origin. The maximum age of dependent children would be cut from 21 to 18, they added.

Mr. Gol also announced a campaign against what he called a growing traffic in people claiming refugee status, especially Pakistanis, Indians and Ghanais.

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GOREN BRIDGE

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Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q109643 ♠K72 ♦83 ♦75

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠

Dble Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—First of all, partner's double is for takeout, not penalties, so you must bid.

Secondly, partner has doubled in the direct seat, so he is bidding from strength and is not just competing. Considering those facts, you have an excellent hand for him—a key honor in his suit and a reasonable six-card suit of your own. It would be heaven to bid anything less than four spades.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠6 ♠A8752 ♠AQ9432

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT ?

What action do you take?

A.—If partner has a fit for either of your minor suits, you can certainly compete for a partscore, and could even have a game. Bid two no trump. When common sense tells you that a no trump bid cannot have its natural meaning, it should be considered as "unusual"—i.e., a takeout for the lower unbid suits. If you had a hand strong enough to make two no trump, you would have doubled one no trump.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q9643 ♠AQ ♠Q432 ♠KQ

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

What action do you take?

A.—You have the maximum that the law allows for an opening bid of one of a suit and you could press on by showing your four-card diamond suit. But would that be wise? Even if partner has a maximum 10 points, game is extremely doubtful—you have no source of tricks. What you do have is a preponderance of strength in your short suits, which weighs in favor of a no trump contract, so we would pass

and hope that partner can make one no trump.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AJ652 ♠7 ♠KJ92 ♠K63

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have an opening bid, and we have always preached that an opening bid facing an opener should produce game. That would suggest a jump to either three no trump or three diamonds. Here, however, partner has shown no great liking for your suit and you certainly don't fancy his, so it would be wise to proceed with caution. Our first choice is two diamonds, to try to elicit a spade preference. Next is two no trump. If partner passes either of those bids, we doubt that we will have missed a game.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q6 ♠7642 ♠63 ♠AK854

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner must be short in hearts, but he didn't make a takeout double. Therefore, he may have no support for clubs or simply a limited overall. But he is marked with a five-card or longer spade suit. In a competitive situation, we prefer raising partner's suit if we can, especially if his is a major and ours is a minor. On this auction, your holding of Q-x is adequate trump support. Bid two spades.

Q.6—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠10763 ♠75 ♠986 ♠KQJ7

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South

1 ♠ Dble ?

What action do you take?

A.—Had East not interfered, we would have responded one spade. Now, however, we don't want to introduce such a weak suit freely. Instead, we would raise to two clubs. If nothing else, that should help partner to select a safe opening lead if the opponents buy the hand and he has to attack at the opening gun.

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